

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce cultivar, or a part of a plant thereof, wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The iceberg lettuce cultivar ~~or a part thereof~~ according to claim 1 having a spatulate leaf shape or a part of a plant thereof.

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part of a plant thereof according to claim 1, plants of said cultivar further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The iceberg lettuce cultivar ~~or a part thereof~~ according to claim 1, or a part of a plant thereof, plants of said cultivar further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part of a plant thereof according to claim 1, said cultivar further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of producing an iceberg lettuce having a first outer leaf with a length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 2.7 comprising: a) crossing an iceberg lettuce with a romaine lettuce to produce hybrid seed; b) growing said hybrid seed to produce a hybrid plant; c) selfing said hybrid seed to produce F₂ progeny seed; d) growing said F₂ progeny seed to produce F₂ plants; and e) selecting said F₂ plants for expression of one or more characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, semi-open head, ~~and~~ elliptical stature, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus, and plant height.

Claim 9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising: f) crossing said selected plant with itself or another lettuce plant to yield iceberg lettuce progeny seed; g) growing said progeny seed of step (f) under plant growth conditions to yield progeny plants; and h) repeating the crossing and growing steps of (f) and (g) from 0 to 7 times to generate further iceberg lettuce plants which express one or more of the following characteristics selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio greater than 1.0, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head, resistance to corky root rot, resistance to lettuce mosaic virus and plant height.

Claims 10 to 37. (Canceled)

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A seed of an iceberg lettuce cultivar of claim 1, wherein said seed is from a *Lactuca sativa* line selected from the group consisting of PSR 6425; PSR 6595; and PSR 6032 (American ~~type~~ Type Culture Collection under accession number PTA-3248).

Claim 39. (Previously Presented) A *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or a part thereof, produced by growing the seed of claim 38.

Claim 40. (Currently Amended) A *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or ~~a part~~ parts thereof, having all the physiological and morphological characteristics of the *Lactuca sativa* L. plant of claim 39.

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) An F₁ hybrid *Lactuca sativa* L. plant, or a part thereof, having as one or more parents a *Lactuca sativa* L. plant produced by growing a *Lactuca sativa* line selected from the group consisting of PSR 6425; PSR 6595; and PSR 6032 (American ~~type~~ Type Culture Collection under accession number PTA-3248).

Claim 42. (Currently amended) A seed produced by growing the hybrid plant of claim 41, wherein a plant grown from said seed is an iceberg lettuce that comprises a spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce plant, or a part thereof, wherein at least one ancestor of said iceberg lettuce plant is the *Lactuca sativa* L. plant of claim 39 and wherein said

iceberg lettuce plant ~~expresses at least one trait selected from the group consisting of~~ has a spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature and length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The F₁ hybrid plant of claim 41, wherein said one or more parents is PSR 6425.

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid plant of claim 44, expressing a combination of at least two traits selected from the group consisting of: length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, spatulate leaf shape, elliptical stature, semi-open head formation, resistance to corky root rot and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 46. (Currently Amended) The iceberg lettuce cultivar ~~or a part thereof~~ according to claim 5, or a part of a plant thereof, said iceberg lettuce cultivar further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce cultivar or a part thereof according to claim 5, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) An iceberg lettuce or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8, wherein said iceberg lettuce comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7, an elliptical head, a spatulate leaf shape and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS146B.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce plant, or a part thereof, according to claim 43, wherein said plant has a spatulate leaf shape, an elliptical stature and a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8.

Claim 50. (Currently Amended) The F₁ hybrid plant of claim 45, having a leaf length to width ratio of about 1.2 to about 1.8, a spatulate leaf shape, a semi-open head, and resistance to lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having a spatulate leaf shape.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48 having an elliptical stature.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a blanched inner leaf color, ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising a semi-open head.

Claim 55. (Previously Presented) The iceberg lettuce or a part thereof according to claim 48, further comprising resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 56. (Previously Presented) An iceberg lettuce or a part thereof produced by the method of claim 8 wherein said iceberg lettuce comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between about 1.2 to about 2.7, a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, a semi-open head, and resistance to a disease selected from the group consisting of corky root rot and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 57. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of the cultivar of claim 1, wherein a lettuce plant grown from said seed has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.25 and about 2.2 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.

Claim 58. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of the cultivar of claim 2, wherein a lettuce plant grown from said seed has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.25 and about 2.2 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, said plant having a spatulate leaf shape.

Claim 59. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of the cultivar of claim 5, wherein a lettuce plant grown from said seed has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to

width ratio between 1.25 and about 2.7, a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, and a blanched inner leaf color ranging from about RHS 145C to about RHS 145D.

Claim 60. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of the cultivar of claim 6, wherein a lettuce plant grown from said seed has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.25 and about 2.2 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, and wherein said lettuce plant grown from said seed further comprises a semi-open head.

Claim 61. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of the cultivar of claim 7, wherein a lettuce plant grown from said seed has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.25 and about 2.2 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, and wherein said lettuce plant grown from said seed further comprises resistance to one or more of the following diseases: corky root and lettuce mosaic virus.

Claim 62. (New) A plant of the cultivar of claim 1, having a semi-open head, or a seed thereof.

Claim 63. (New) A plant of the cultivar of claim 2, having a semi-open head, or a seed thereof.

Claim 64. (New) A plant of the cultivar of claim 5, having a semi-open head, or a seed thereof.

Claim 65. (New) A plant of the cultivar of claim 6, having a semi-open head, or a seed thereof.

Claim 66. (New) A plant of the cultivar of claim 7, having a semi-open head, or a seed thereof.

Claim 67. (New) A seed of a lettuce of claim 48, wherein a plant grown from said seed is an iceberg lettuce that comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.3 and about 2.0 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.

Claim 68. (New) An iceberg lettuce cultivar, or a part of a plant thereof, wherein plants of said iceberg lettuce cultivar comprise a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.3 and about 2.0 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B, wherein said first outer leaf has a spatulate leaf shape.

Claim 69. (New) A seed of a lettuce plant of claim 68.

Claim 70. (New) An iceberg lettuce cultivar having a semi-open head, or a part of a plant thereof, wherein said iceberg lettuce cultivar has an elliptical stature and comprises a first outer leaf having a length to width ratio between 1.3 and about 2.0 and a color which ranges from about RHS 146A to about RHS 146B.